

**Amendments to the Claims:**

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (cancelled)

5    Claim 12 (currently amended): A backlight source disposed under a display panel, the backlight source comprising a plurality of parallel U-shaped lamps, each of which comprises a bending portion, a high voltage electrode at one end and a low voltage electrode at another end of each of the U-shaped lamp, the U-shaped lamps being reverse disposed side by side along a first direction, each of the U-shaped lamps being bent in a 10 reverse direction to the adjacent U-shaped lamps, so that the high and low voltage electrodes are positioned in two lines along the first direction, and the high voltage electrode of each of the U-shaped lamps is adjacent to the low voltage electrode of the same U-shaped lamps;

      wherein each of the U-shaped lamps has an opening defined by its two ends and 15 bending portion, and one end of each of the U-shaped lamps is positioned inside the opening of one of the adjacent U-shaped lamps;

wherein the low voltage electrode of the U-shaped lamp is not connected to the high voltage electrode of another U-shaped lamp in series.

20    Claim 13 (previously presented): The backlight source of claim 12 wherein the backlight source is installed in a direct-type backlight panel unit.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The backlight source of claim 13 wherein the direct-type backlight unit comprises a diffuser disposed between the display panel and the 25 plurality of the U-shaped lamps for scattering a light source generated by the plurality of the U-shaped lamps to the display panel, a light diffuser plate disposed between the diffuser and the plurality of the U-shaped lamps for transmitting the light source to the diffuser, and a reflecting plate disposed under the plurality of the U-shaped lamps for

reflecting the light source to the light diffuser plate.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The backlight source of claim 14 wherein the direct-type backlight panel unit further comprises a housing disposed under the reflecting plate for surrounding the reflecting plate, and a bezel for assembling the display panel and

5 the backlight source.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The backlight source of claim 12 wherein each of the U-shaped lamps is a cold cathode fluorescent lamp (CCFL).

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Claims 17-19 (cancelled)

Claim 20 (previously presented): The backlight source of claim 12 wherein the backlight source further comprises a power supply for providing current and a control circuit

15 electrically connected to the power supply for driving the backlight source.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The backlight source of claim 20 wherein the control circuit comprises at least one inverter electrically connected to the high voltage electrode and the low voltage electrode of the corresponding U-shaped lamp.

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Claim 22 (previously presented): The backlight source of claim 21 wherein the inverter comprises a direct current/alternating current (DC/AC) inverter, a pulse width modulation (PWM) inverter or a series resonant parallel loaded (SPRL) inverter.